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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Rasha S. AL-Aubaidi

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10, 12-18, 20, 22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schuster et al. (US PAT # 6,804,224).

Regarding claim 1, Schuster teaches in a telephony over data network system (see abstract and Fig. 2) having at least one originating gateway (reads on GTW 25, see col. 5, lines 55-57 and Fig. 2) and at least one terminating gateway (reads on GTW 35, see col. 7, lines 5-26 and Fig. 2), a method of adapting said originating gateway to

be associated with more than one carrier (see col. 5, lines 55-62), said method comprising: assigning a carrier-identifying indicia (reads on local access identifier, see abstract); storing said indicia in a storage medium associated with said originating gateway (see Figs. 1-2); comparing said stored indicia to data associated with an incoming call; and if said stored indicia matches data associated with said call, connecting said call a carrier corresponding to the assigned indicia (co. 5, lines 29-45 and Fig. 6 and corresponding text).

Claims 3, 5-6, 8, 10, 12-13, 15-18, 20 and 22 are rejected for the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 7 and 14, said step of assigning performed by a system gateway administrator.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2, 4, 9, 11, 19, 21, 23 and 25 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schuster et al. (US PAT # 6,804,224) in view of Olshansky et al. (US PAT # 7,239,629).

For claims 2, 9, 19 and 21, Schuster does not specifically teach the use of "IVR script".

However, Olshansky teaches the use of an IVR that interacts with a calling party (see col. 6, lines 6-10).

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the use of an IVR that interacts with a user/caller, as taught by Olshansky, into the Schuster system in order to provide speed and convenience when gathering and collecting information from a caller.

For claims 4 and 11 that recites the use of "a PIN", see col. 6, lines 11-12 of Olshansky.

Claim 23 recites "a method of routing a signal onto a network comprising examining the signal to determine if MA functions can be assumed to have already been accomplished, if so, accepting the call, if not, examining the signal to ascertain a third party entity which can perform said AAA functions, and signaling said ascertained third party to perform said MA functions" see Olshansky col. 4, lines 53-60.

Claim 25 limitations are obvious and well known in the art.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rasha S AL-Aubaidi whose telephone number is (571) 272-7481. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on (571) 272-7488.

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